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SUBJ: VISIT BY SMITHSONIAN SECRETARY S. DILLON RIPLEY

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FOR AMBASSADOR

BANGKOK FOR RED/CURT SCHNEIDER

1. SMITHSONIAN APPRECIATES VERY MUCH YOUR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE.

2. SECRETARY AND MRS. RIPLEY, ACCOMPANIED BY DAUGHTER, SYLVIA ARRIVING JAKARTA SZ202 1140 FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30 AND WILL DEPART FROM DENPASAR FOR BANGKOK ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 TG424 1540. RIPLEYS PLAN SPEND THREE DAYS AT UDJUNG KULON RESERVE AND BALANCE OF TIME IN THE JAKARTA-BOGOR-BANDUNG AREA UNTIL DEPARTURE FOR JOGJAKARTA MORNING DECEMBER 7.

3. SMITHSONIAN HAS ASKED RIO RACHWARTONO OF LIPI, FORMERLY OF SMITHSONIAN WASHINGTON STAFF, TO ASSIST IN MAKING PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RIPLEYS. SUGGESTED HE COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY THIS REGARD. REQUESTED RIO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY SECURING GOI HELICOPTER SUPPORT FROM JAKARTA TO UDJUNG KULON AND RETURN.

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IF HELICOPTER UNAVAILABLE, ASKED RIO ADVISE ON VEHICULAR TRAVEL

TO PORT TOWN NEAREST UDJUNG KULON AND ARRANGE FOR RESERVE
PATROL BOAT FROM PORT TO PUTJANG ISLAND AND RETURN.
UNDERSTAND PUTJANG HAS CAMP FACILITIES FOR VISITORS TO
RESERVE. ALSO ASKED RIO ARRANGE FOOD LODGING AT RESERVE
WITH FOREST DEPARTMENT.

4. IT IS RECOMMENDED SECRETARY RIPLEY INCLUDE BOGOR
BOTANICAL GARDENS, PUNGTJAK PASS, TANGKUBAN PRAHU, AND
TJIBODAS IN WEST JAVA PROGRAM. WOULD WELCOME ADDITIONAL
SUGGESTIONS FROM MISSION. RIO RACHWARTONO CABLED THAT
LIPI WOULD ARRANGE FOR SECRETARY RIPLEY TO MEET PRESIDENT
AND MADAME SUHARTO, VICE PRESIDENT HAMENGKUBUWONO,
MINISTER SUMITRO, THE CHAIRMAN OF LIPI, SCIENTISTS AND
ENVIRONMENTALISTS. RIO INDICATED GOI/LIPI WOULD PROVIDE
LOCAL ESCORT IF DESIRED. DR RIPLEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
CALL UPON YOU.

5. IT IS PROPOSED SECRETARY RIPLEY VISIT BORODUBUR AND
LOCAL ATTRACTIONS IN JOGJAKARTA, THEN MAKE PLANE CONNECTION
EARLY MORNING DECEMBER 8 TO SURABAYA FOR VEHICULAR
CONNECTION TO BALURIN RESERVE, THEN PROCEEDING TO BALI
VIA FERRY. MR. RIPLEY WILL REMAIN AT INTERCONTINENTAL
COTTAGE SANUR BEACH UNTIL DEPARTING FOR BANGKOK
DECEMBER 10 TG424 1540.

6. DR. CURT SCHNEIDER, SMITHSONIAN SCIENTIST RED BANGKOK
BEING ASKED TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS
WITH RIO RACHWARTONO AND EMBASSY DURING HIS VISIT TO
INDONESIA NOVEMBER 4 THROUGH 18. DR. SCHNEIDER'S TRIP
IS PRIMARILY TO VISIT A SCHISTOSOMIASIS TRANSMISSION
SITE IN SULAWESI. LETTER FOLLOWS TO YOU FROM WILLIAM
EILERS OF SMITHSONIAN REGARDING RIPLEY VISIT. REQUEST THIS
INFO BE PASSED TO DR. SCHNEIDER. RUSH

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